गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। पाकिस्तान ने भारत में कोई आतंकवादी प्रशिक्षण शिविर स्थापित नहीं किया है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

Adulterated mustard oil in Delhi

360. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of traders arrested for selling adulterated mustard oil;

(b) the names of wholesale dealers in Delhi who sold mustard oil and the total amount of mustard oil sold by them in July and August 1998;

(c) whether Government have found any source of adulterating the mustard oil in Delhi; and

(d) the steps taken by Government against the adulteration of mustard oil in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The total number of traders etc. arrested in National Capital Territory of Delhi in connection with the recent incidents of sale of adulterated mustard oil is 19.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The investigation into one of the cases registered in connection with the adulterated mustard oil has revealed that some manufacturers entered into a criminal conspiracy with the object of adulterating mustard oil by mixing argemone oil, ricebran, etc.

(d) The steps taken by the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi to prevent such incidents include appointment of 27 Sub-Divisional Magistrates covering all the 9 Districts of Delhi as Local (Health) Authorities under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act; banning of the sale of loose mustrard oil; and making it incumbent on the manufacturers to market their product only after obtaining a "fee from adulteration" certificate from the specified Food Laboratories notified by the Central Government.

Links of Romesh Sharma

361. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been asked to probe Romesh Sharma's links with politicians, bureaucrats and police officials; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the report is expected to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Investigations are in progress.

Acquittal of accused in Rape Cases

362. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rape and gang rape cases which resulted in acquittal of the accused in different States during 1996-97, 1997-98 and current year, so far;

(b) whether various States and Central Women Organisations have been agitating and protesting against such acquittals; and

(c) the changes and modifications in the law and the enforcing mechanism proposed/being proposed to be effective to ensure that culprits in the rape, more particularly the gang rape cases, are effectively brought to book?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Available information relating to rape cases for the year 1996 is given below:

Cases in which trial was completed	Cases which resulted in conviction	Cases which resulted in acquittal
8,436	6,088	2,348

Similar information for the subsequent period is not yet available. Information relating to acquittals in gang rape is not maintained separately.

(b) Some instances of Non-Governmental Organisations protesting against acquittal of accused persons in some cases have come to notice.

(c) Even as changes in the relevant laws have been made from time to time, the Central Government is presently interacting with the State Governments on the issue of providing death penalty to rapists. The Central Government has also been advising the States to take appropriate measures to check crimes against women. These include, inter alia, strengthening of the criminal justice system for speedy disposal of cases, strengthening of enforcement machinery and socio-economic measures for empowerment of women.

Ban on Bandhs

363. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the ban imposed by the Supreme Court on bandhs;

(b) the total number of bandhs organised in the country after the imposition of such a ban;

(c) whether Government agree with the conclusion that the ban on bandhs is impractical; and

(d) whether the present Solicitor General who argued in the Supreme Court in support of the bandh has been approached by Government for advice in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir, Government is aware of the judgement delivered by the Supreme Court in this regard.

(b) As per information available, 250 bandhs were organised in the country, at the State, District and local levels, since the judgement of the Supreme Court.

(c) Under the Constitution, 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects, and as such it is for the State Government to take a view in the matter.

(d) The Government has not approached the Solicitor General in this regard.

Bringing back Militants into National Mainstream

364. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been divulged by Kashmiri Militants who have surrendered, both Kashmiris and foreigners, that militants by and large are totally disenchanted with militancy;

(b) if so, whether in view of such disenchantment, Government propose to take any steps to bring back the Indian militants and the misguided youth, who have taken to militancy to the national mainstream; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Some surrendered militants have stated that they are disenchanted with militancy.